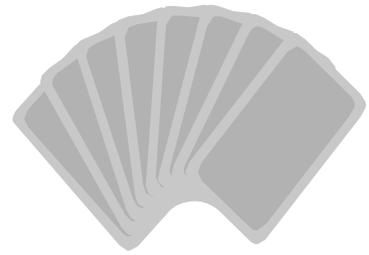


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Rotorua Bridge Club Newsletter #43

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Hello Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS:

Congratulations to the following Rotorua members for their recent successes at the Rotorua Open 5A Pairs on 14 June:

Margie Robbie & Marie Milsum - placed 1st in Session 1, Section 1 and were awarded the Marg Angus trophy for the top placed Rotorua pair.

Wendy Blackman & Elspeth Goodrick - placed 11th in the Non-Open and won the prize for top Intermediate Pair.

Excitement mounts and interest grows as **Marie Milsum**, I am told, is only 2.5 points away from becoming a Grandmaster. Go Marie!!

Many thanks to **Jude Lipanovic** for donating a whiteboard to the club.

The real test of a Bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he/she's in it.



MEMBERSHIP BADGES:

Val Honeyfield is currently organising badges for the new members. If you have lost yours and would like another, contact Val on 0274826793 before 7 July.

DEFIBRILLATOR:

All members need to be aware that a defibrillator is available at the Bridge club. Instructions for use are given verbally by the unit itself.

WELCOME DINNER:

The Welcome dinner for new members is on **Wednesday 23 July at 6pm**. Drinks available from 5.30 pm. All members are invited. Established members are asked to please bring a plate of food to share.

WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHT:

1. The WhatsApp system is working well. Hilary Williams is still available to be contacted to help find partners.
2. Wednesday nights have a permanent Director and Scorer.
3. The target finish time is **10.00pm**. This requires all players to be **present and sitting by 6.45pm**.
4. The club would like to encourage more experienced members to play Wednesday nights, which will help the new learners.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:

Dawne Sharplin has organised WhatsApp for Friday sessions. If you want to be included in this group, contact Dawne. I am still available to be contacted to help find partners.

IB THULIN HANDICAP PAIRS:

This popular Rotorua only tournament is on Sunday 27 August 2025. The Entry list is on the wall at the Bridge club. All members are invited to enter.

TOURNAMENTS:

Note that the criteria for Novice Players can be found on the NZ Bridge website. The criteria in the Rotorua Bridge Book are incorrect. Remember to check both the club noticeboard and NZ Bridge website www.nzbridge.co.nz for all details of upcoming tournaments.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat/Sun 5/6 July	Tauranga National Swiss Pairs 20A Teams
Wed 9 July	Tauranga Restricted 8B Charity Pairs
Sat 12 July	Hamilton Open 5a Teams
Sat 19 July	Mt Maunganui Intermediate 5B, Junior 3B & Novice 40C Pairs
Sat 26 July	Matamata Open 5A Pairs
Sun 27 July	Rotorua BOP Interclub Teams
Wed 30 July	Tauranga Ladies Open 3A Pairs

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS

<u>Monday Afternoon:</u>	Regina van der Sluis	020 4161 7772
<u>Wednesday Evening:</u>	<u>WhatsApp</u> & Hilary Williams	027 482 0699
<u>Thursday Evening:</u>	Marie Milsum	027 427 5727
<u>Friday Afternoon:</u>	<u>WhatsApp</u> & Bobbie Fluker	027 4274 151

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Please send any suggestions or contributions (especially tournament results) to me at mortytorty@hotmail.com

Happy Bridging

Cheers

Bobbie Fluker

